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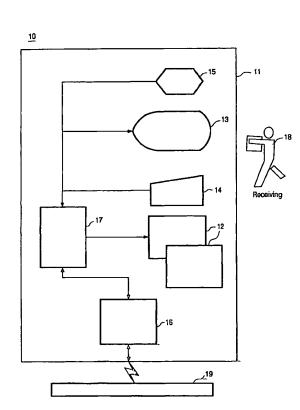
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(54) Title: VARIABLE SIZE MULTI-PANE DISPLAY



(57) Abstract: This invention relates to method of presenting content by means of a display unit (10) connected or attached to a media device (23 - 26). The invention further relates to a display unit for presenting content. The media device may be a personal computer, a television, a camera, a video camera, a game unit or a mobile unit. Said method includes the steps of: connecting or attaching the display unit to a first location relative to a media device; determining, by the media device, the first location of the display unit; determining, by the media device, a first information item representing content, wherein said first information item is dependent on said location and a content presented on the media device; transferring, by the media device, the first information item to the display unit; and receiving and presenting (i.e. displaying and/ or playing back) said first information item on the display unit. Said first information item may include plain text, pictures, frames, video, word-processor data, spread-sheet data, game figures, game elements, text or picture messages, or any combination thereof. Said step of determining the first location of the display unit includes the steps of: transmitting, by at least one transmitter located on the display unit, at least one signal identifying said display unit; receiving, by at least one sensor (41) located on the media device, at least one identifying signal; and determining, by the media device, the first location based on at least one identifying signal. This allows content to be displayed and / or played back on a connected or attached display unit located relative to a media device, and where said content can intuitively and indirectly be determined by the user.



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